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R. L. Holzendort is a candidate for County Commissioner, and a popular one.

Lee County will soon have another election to determine if the county shall be wet or dry.

The spring term of the Circuit Court will convene in Arcadia next Tuesday. There is very little business to come up.

A rapidly falling temperature on the 27th of February reminds us that it is not yet too late in the season to expect a visit from Jack Frost.

St. Petersburg is holding her annual Chatauqua that began Tuesday and will continue for two weeks. A fine program is announced.

U. S. District Court for Southern District of Florida convenes in Tampa on March, 12, Judge Boarman, of Shreveport, Louisiana, will preside.

Now that the primaries are announced, come up gentlemen and let the public know that you have yielded to the solicitations friends to become candidates.

The Wilder trial for the murder of Brannon took place in Tampa Hon. D. U. Pletcher, of Jacksonville, last week and the accused acquitted, the evidence being purely circumstantial. Col. Sparkman came home from Washington to help in the defense.

We understand the King Inm- Escambia ber Company will within 90 days move their recently acquired Nocatee saw mill plant to Arcadia, provided the citizens of our city will donate the site. Here is your chance, neighbors, to show how public spirited you are. If you want your city to move put your shoulder to the wheel and help her along!

Arcadia will go very near a quarter of a million boxes of oranges, shipped from this point junction restraining the tax collectors in this season; 230,000 have already gone forward and the packing houses are still at work. The recent substantial advance in prices has stimulated the closest picking and will considerably swell the numbers shipped.

Perhaps not all of our readers know that Madame Sarah Bernhardt, the world renowned French actress, who will shortly visit Florida, and play at Tampa and Jacksonville, will give her famous play Camille in the original French language. Before buying a \$5 ticket go brush up your French so you can know what the Divine Sarah is talking about.

It maybe is getting monotonous for those folks who really want a hanging the way Arcadia has deceived them in the Cooper affiair. But we Arcadians are not so anxious as we might be perhaps if the gallows was located twenty-five or thirty miles away. We say So be gentle with him-easy, don't you "thank you" with a fervent spirit every time the pardoning board orders a respite. If there is any hanging we hope they will have it at home, not here.

#### Key West Extension.

A gentleman in the party with H. M. Flagler, who visited Key West last week, is reported to have said that by February, 1907, one year from now, trains would be running on both ends of the extension, and that a ferry would be used temporarily to connect the two ends of the line at Bahia Honda, where there will be a stretch of twelve miles of water to

It is claimed that all channels except this one will be bridged and ready for trains by the time mentioned.

This is so much sooner than any one ever dreamed that the work could be accomplished that it seems almost incredible, yet the man who made the statement knows better than any one else what they can do.-Miami Record.

Boon Embry, of Dade City, who owns one of the largest tobacco farms in the state, has just closed a ten-year contract for his crop at 40 cents a pound. He has nearly thirty acres under sheds.-Ex.

#### Date Set for State Primaries.

A special meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee was held in Jacksonville on the morning of February 24, called for the purpose of fixing dates for the primary for the nomination of candidates for office at the election to be held next November.

The meeting was held in the office of Hon. D. U. Fletcher, chairman of the committee, in the Fielding Building 20 West Adams street.

Delegates were present from nearly every county in the state, and members of the committee who were not able to attend in almost every case sent proxies.

After due deliberation the committee adopted a call naming the dates for the primaries as follows: First primary, May 15th; second primary, June 19th.

The next order of business was the appointment of a campaign committee. was elected chairman and H. L. Dodd, of Lake City, was elected secretary. The other members of the committee are S. Phillips, of Levy county; A. W. Cockrell, Jr., of Duval county; J. M. Bryan, of Osceola; C. E. Davis, of Madison, and J. C. Blount, Jr., of

The committee decided on practically the same rules and regulations that prevailed in the primaries held two years

## No Drainage Tax.

Judge Locke rendered an important decision in the United States Court on February 24 and one which has direct bearing upon the scheme of Governor Broward to drain the Everglades.

The case is that of the East Coast Railway Company vs. Sewell and others and the Boston and Florida Atlantic Coast Land Company. The order made in the case was on a motion to dismiss the inthose counties where the drainage is to be done from collecting a tax levied for such purpose by the state. The motion to dissolve was denied, and the demurrel

In rendering his decision Judge Locke stated that he found that the Federal Court had jurisdiction, and that the contention of the defendants on this point is found sufficient to give the court jurisdiction. It was also stated by the court that it had jurisdiction in equity, but that the allegations are sufficient to justify a further investigation on this

Maj. Alex. St. Clair-Abrams represented the complaints and Col. A. W. Cockrel! the defense.

## Philosophy of Environment.

When a fellow makes an effort to be good, And the people all about him think he should

> Be another kind of chap, Don't you know it is no snap To be good?

And the people all about him think he had Better be a different chap, Don't you know it is no snap To be bad?

When a fellow makes an effort to be bad,

know; Perhaps he's gone the way he had to go. If he's good or if he's bad, The environment he had Made him so.

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### Tax Assessor's Appointments.

I will be at the following places on my first and only round for the purpose of receiving tax returns for the year 1906. All are requested to make returns by the 1st of April, as the time will then expire:

Zolfo, Thursday and Friday March 1

Gardner, Saturday, March 3. Brownville, Monday, March 5. Nocatee, Tuesday, March 6. Fort Ogden, Wednesday, March 7. Cleveland, Thursday, March 8.

Grove City, afternoon of Friday, farch 9. Charlotte Harbor, afternoon of Satur-

day, March 10. Arcadia, court week, Monday, March

12 to Saturday 17 inclusive. Punta Gorda, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19, 20 and 21.

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